

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, KNOWN AS THE "PALM BEACH COUNTY EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEE ORDINANCE," WHICH ESTABLISHED EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEES; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN SAID FEES; CLARIFYING THAT SAID FEES ARE APPLICABLE TO SERVICES PERFORMED BY PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE AND AMENDING TITLE TO CLARIFY SUCH; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, known as the "Palm Beach County Emergency Transport Fee Ordinance," which established fees to be charged by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue for the provision of transport services; and

WHEREAS, Medicare has increased the maximum allowances for ground ambulance transportation as a result of an increase in the Inflation Index Charge which is based on the Federal Consumer Price Index; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this increase, the Board of County Commissioners desires to amend its present fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to make certain amendments to clarify that said fees are applicable only to services performed by Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. The title of Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3, of the Palm Beach County Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 3. PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEES

SECTION 2. Section 13-56, Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3, of the Palm Beach County Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

This division shall be known as and may be cited as the "Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue Emergency Transport Fee Ordinance".

SECTION 3. Section 13-58, Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3, of the Palm Beach County Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) There are hereby established certain emergency transport fees and charges for Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue services. A fee shall be imposed for the provision of basic life support services (BLS) transport and for the provision of advanced life support services (ALS) transport, and a service charge shall be imposed for mileage and oxygen.

(b) The following fees and service charges are to be imposed:

(1)	BLS Transport Fee	<u>\$225.00</u>
(2)	ALS Transport Fee	<u>325.00</u>
(3)	Mileage	<u>7.50 per mile</u>

(c) The county administrator shall establish a method of billing and collecting all fees and charges.

SECTION 4. **Repeal of Laws in Conflict:**

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. **Severability:**

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is for any reason held by a Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. **Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances:**

The provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or any other appropriate word.

1 SECTION 7. Effective Date:

2 The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective
3 December 1, 1999.

4 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of
5 Palm Beach County, Florida, on the 16 day of November,
6 1999.

7 ATTEST:

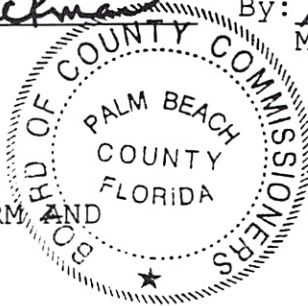
8 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
9 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

10 Dorothy H. Wilken, Clerk

11 By: Linda C. Hickman
12 Deputy Clerk

11 By: Maude Ford Lee
12 Maude Ford Lee, Chair

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
14 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY



15 Sharon Brown
16 County Attorney

17 Filed with the Department of State on the 24th day of
18 November, 1999.

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3 STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
 I, DOROTHY H. WILKEN, ex-officio Clerk of the
 Board of County Commissioners certify this to be a
 true and correct copy of the original filed in my office
 on November 16, 1999
 DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 12/10/99.
 DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk
 By: Sharon Brown D.C.